CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An excellence indicator system, comprising:

an excellence indicator system database, comprising information concerning resource allocation that is performed by a plurality of entities and indicia of performance of the plurality of entities;

a processing circuitry that is operable to perform selective processing of the information contained within the excellence indicator system database, the selective processing comprising integrating indicia of performance of at least one of the entities and resource allocation of the at least one of the entities; and

a user interface that allows interaction between a user and the excellence indicator system database;

the processing circuitry generates an analysis report that provides information including at least one of an assessment of financial well-being of the at least one entity, a relation of the at least one entity's performance based on costs incurred by the at least one entity, and an assessment of the allocation of resources by the at least one entity.

2. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the indicia of performance of the at least one of the entities comprises indicia of academic performance.

3. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of entities comprises at least one of a school district and a school campus.

4. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, further comprising a cognitive search engine; and

wherein the cognitive search engine operates cooperatively with the processing circuitry to perform the selective processing, the selective processing comprising identifying at least two comparable entities from the plurality of entities and performing comparative analysis of the at least two entities.

5. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, further comprising a cognitive search engine; and

wherein a user selects an entity from the plurality of entities for analysis;

the cognitive search engine operates cooperatively with the processing circuitry to perform the selective processing, the selective processing comprising identifying an entity comparable to the user-selected entity; and

the processing circuitry uses the user-selected entity and the cognitive search engine-identified entity are used for comparative analysis.

6. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of entities comprises a plurality of school districts and a plurality of school campuses;

the selective processing comprises identifying comparable school campuses when the comparable school campuses are located within comparable school districts;

the comparable school campuses being selected from the plurality of school campuses; and

the comparable school districts being selected from the plurality of school districts.

7. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the analysis report comprises at least one of a five-year trend chart and a graph.

8. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the selective processing performed by the processing circuitry comprises demographic analysis, resource allocation analysis, financial well-being analysis, and performance and costs analysis.

9. The excellence indicator system of claim 8, wherein the selective processing further comprises strength/weakness identification.

10. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, wherein the selective processing performed by the processing circuitry comprises identifying related cost factors.

11. The financial excellence indicator system of claim 10, wherein the identified related cost factors are further filtered based on a plurality of additional parameters, the plurality of additional parameters comprising geographical proximity.

12. The excellence indicator system of claim 1, further comprising a cognitive search engine; and

wherein the cognitive search engine operates cooperatively with the processing circuitry to perform selection of an entity by using a plurality of parameters, the plurality of parameters comprising size, socio-economic factors, taxable value factors, and trend factors.

13. An excellence indicator system, comprising:

a excellence indicator system database, comprising:

information concerning resource allocation from a plurality of entities, the information comprising a plurality of socio-economic factors, a plurality of taxable value factors, and a plurality of trending factors;

a processing circuitry that is operable to perform selective processing of information contained within the excellence indicator system database, the selective processing comprising integrating performance and resources of at least one entity within the plurality of entities; and

a user interface that allows interaction between a user and the financial excellence indicator system database;

wherein the processing circuitry generates an analysis report that provides information including at least one of an assessment of financial well-being of the at least one entity, a relation of the at least one entity's performance based on costs incurred by the at least one entity, and an assessment of the allocation of resources by the at least one entity;

the analysis report comprises a plurality of factors that are used by the user to assess the management of the at least one entity; and

the user performs data mining of at least one of the plurality of factors for further assessment of the management of the at least one entity.

14. The excellence indicator system of claim 14, wherein the plurality of entities comprises at least one of a school district and a school campus; and

the excellence indicator system database further comprises indicia of academic performance of the at least one entity.

15. A method to perform excellence indication, the method comprising:

selecting an entity to analyze, the entity being selected from a plurality of entities within a excellence indicator system database;

selecting an analysis parameter;

performing analysis of the selected entity using the selected analysis parameter; and

generating an analysis report;

wherein the analysis report provides information including at least one of an assessment of financial well-being of the entity, a relation of the entity's performance based on costs incurred by the entity, and an assessment of the allocation of resources by the entity.

16. The method of claim 15, further comprising selecting a comparable entity using a cognitive search engine to perform comparative analysis between the entity selected to be analyzed and the cognitive search engine-selected entity.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising providing a parameter to the cognitive search engine to control the selection of the comparable entity using the cognitive search engine.

18. The method of claim 16, wherein the plurality of entities comprises a plurality of school districts and a plurality of school campuses; and

further comprising identifying comparable school campuses when the comparable school campuses are located within comparable school districts;

wherein the comparable school campuses being selected from the plurality of school campuses; and

the comparable school districts being selected from the plurality of school districts.

19. The method of claim 15, wherein the cognitive search engine operates cooperatively with a processing circuitry to perform selection of an entity by using a plurality of parameters, the plurality of parameters comprising size, socio-economic factors, taxable value factors, and trend factors.

20. The method of claim 15, further comprising performing at least one of demographic analysis, resource allocation analysis, financial well being analysis, and performance and costs analysis.